

# Coalville Times - July 1914

## Friday July 3rd 1914 (Issue 1165)

### Local News

At a Coalville house of business a few days ago three "long service men" met by coincidence in their occupations, and their combined service in the labour world totalled one hundred years. Mr Fred Brown, of New Swannington, delivering mineral water, had 35 years service; Mr Thomas Harding, of Whitwick, also in the mineral water trade, 30 years, and Mr William Satchwell, of Coalville 35 years in the employ of the Midland Railway. The men had not met before in the circumstances.

### For Sale or To Let

Villa residence, "The Laurels", Hermitage Road, Whitwick, rent inclusive £26. Apply Philip Greasley, Tobacconist; Crane and Moore Solicitors, Coalville; John Ward, Builder, Silver Street, Whitwick.

There was a large exodus of people from Coalville on Saturday, trips arranged by Messrs. Stableford's workmen and the Whitwick Colliery Company's employees journeying to Blackpool. The former started as early as 3.30 in the morning. The trippers were favoured with fine weather and had a good 'day'. Many took extension tickets and are still staying by the briny. Stableford's works being closed this week for the annual stock-taking.

### Runaway

Through a bolt giving way, the shafts of a wagon belonging to a Swannington resident became detached in Brook's Lane, Whitwick, on Wednesday morning, and the horse taking fright, bolted with the shafts in the direction of Swannington. Fortunately no one was injured.

### Lad's Arm Broken

A Whitwick lad named Henry Edmund Cooke who is a chorister at the Parish Church, has had an unfortunate experience this week. On Saturday he went to Blackpool with the trip and had a good time but on Monday he was climbing a tree, when he fell and amongst other injuries sustained a fractured arm. He is a son of Mr Thomas Cooke of Leicester Road.

### Parish Church

The festival of the Dedication of the Church was kept on Sunday last, it being the first Sunday after St. John the Baptist Day. The ringers were early astir, the bells being rung previous to the early celebration at 8 a.m., also for morning service 10.30, the full peal was rung in changes for 25 minutes conducted by Mr H. Pegg. The principle ringing during the day was for evensong when a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples containing 1,260 changes ably conducted by Mr H. Partridge was rung in 43 minutes by Messrs. Alfred Neath, S. W. West, Thomas Belcher, jun., Harold Pegg, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, Levi Partridge, and J. Bonser. This is one of the quickest quarter peals rung on these bells, the time generally being from 45 to 48 minutes. The Whitwick and Thringstone Scouts paraded to Church in the morning under the direction of Scout Masters T. Perry and A. Pegg, special seats being reserved for them by the Churchwardens.

### Coalville Man Married in Canada

An interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Mr Owen Watson, of Reist, Alberta, Canada, late of Whitwick, on the occasion of the marriage of his second daughter, Ruth, to Albert Johnson, a resident of Wilhelmina, Alberta, late of Coalville. The ceremony took place on June 10th at 2 p.m., the officiating minister being the Rev. A. J. Law, of Youngstown, Alberta, assisted by Mr Young. The bride who was given away by her father, was becomingly gowned in pale blue cripe de chine draped with shadow lace, and touches of messaline silk, and was attended by her sister Ethel, and Ruthie Goacher, the former in a gown of saxe blue eoliene, draped with shadow lace, and the latter looking very pretty in white silk, carrying a bouquet of pink roses.

Mr Edwards of Calgary, acted as best man. Mrs Jack Goacher assisted her mother to entertain a number of friends. The happy

couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful and useful presents from friends in the old land, and those among whom they have resided for a number of years. After the ceremony the happy couple left for their home, Meadow View, Wilhelmina, Alberta.

## **Whitwick Wake**

### **Incidents of a Popular Event**

Though "wakes" are an old institution, and the glory of many has faded, the popularity of the annual event at Whitwick is fully maintained and this week has been held with as much gusto as ever.

The shows roundabouts, etc., were pitched on land by the side of Church Lane and were more numerous than usual, the wake in fact, being the largest held for some years. Monday was the principal day, and in the evening there was a large influx of visitors from neighbouring parishes all round.

One pleasing feature of the wake this year is that though it was the largest known for some years, it was also the most quiet and orderly. With many of the colliers and others taking a holiday for the event and the facilities for obtaining refreshment as plentiful at Whitwick, perhaps, as at any place for its size in the county, there has usually been "wake aftermath" in the local police court in the form of a list of "drunks," but we are informed by the police, and are pleased to be able to state the fact that cases of drunkenness this week have been practically nil. This is as it should be and is a circumstance upon which the Whitwick people and visitors to the wake are to heartily congratulate.

There used to be associated with the event, club walks and dinners and attendance at divine service at the Parish Church, but this, as in other places in the locality has been considerably curtailed of late years. The only dinner held during the wake was one in connection with the Old Coalfield Lodge of Oddfellows, which took place at the King's Arms Inn, on Saturday, when a company of about 45 were admirably catered for by Mr and Mrs Abraham Smith. Mr A. Limb occupied the chair and was supported by Mr A. Wheeldon, representing the State Insurance

side. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read and a toast list was gone through, while songs were given by Messrs John Ottey, Fred Hull, F. W. Hall, J. Chambers and others, Mr B. Johnson being the pianist.

Also at the King's Arms Inn, on Monday, the annual meeting of the 5/- sick and dividend club was held, the secretary, Mr W. Benistone presiding. He presented a financial statement and paid out the dividend, which amounted to 3/6 per member. The club was again started. Another event at the King's Arms was the women's annual tea on Tuesday at which 35 were present. The dividend amounted to 1s 10d each after paying for the tea, and this was afterwards paid out by the secretary, Mrs Smith and the club again started.

The members of 5/- sick and dividend club held at the Crown and Cushion Inn, having in previous years held a dinner, but this was dispensed with this year owing to the heavy calls on the club for sickness. Mr Partridge presided at the annual meeting on Saturday night and the Secretary, Mr Cooper, paid out the dividend, which only amounted to 10d per member. The officers were re-elected and the club again started.

The members of the women's 5/- club held at the Three Crowns Hotel had their annual tea on Tuesday, a good meal being served by the landlord to a company numbering 42. After paying for the tea each member received a dividend of 10/9 and the club was formed again.

The Whitwick Holy Cross Band made their first public appearance under their new conductor, Mr J. Locker, and the improvement in their playing was much marked and was freely commented upon. On Sunday night, by kind permission of Mr Frank Middleton, they gave a concert at the White Horse yard which was attentively listened to by a large and appreciative crowd. On Monday and Tuesday

evenings they played for dancing on the Institute lawn and were largely patronised, the number of dancers on Monday night being about 200, and 50 or more on Tuesday.

On Saturday a rifle shooting match took place on the Whitwick range between the Whitwick Club and Falcon Works, Loughborough, the latter winning easily. They totalled 1010 points to 587 by Whitwick.

There were one or two outings, the Irish church choir having a trip to Blackpool, and the school children had a holiday for the wake.

### **Do you Know?**

That Police-Sergt. Betts, of Whitwick, is changing his place of residence next week from Hermitage Road to Brook's Lane?

### **Coalville Police Court**

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr J. W. West.

#### **Settled**

Enoch Briers, builder, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife for persistent cruelty. Mr T. E. Jesson was for complainant and Mr T. H. Moore for the defendant. Mr Moore said the complainant had seen him and told him she was willing to go back to her husband.

The case was struck out.

#### **No Light**

Henry Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at Whitwick on June 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley proved the case.

Fined 1s and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

#### **Bad Language**

Mary A. Robinson, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 28th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts.

Fined 7s 6d and 12s 6d or seven days.

#### **Sport**

##### **Cricket**

Whitwick Holy Cross V Ibstock 2nd

At Whitwick on June 27th. Whitwick Holy Cross won easily.

##### **Holy Cross**

S. Briers c Adcock b Edwards 0 F. Needham c Satchwell b Warren 2 P.C. Jelley c Edwards b Edwards 1 F. Middleton b Atkins 33 B. Stanyard b Warren 15 J. Massey b Edwards 3 A. Twigg b Edwards 17 L. Kane b Edwards 2 M. Noon not out 12 T. McCarthy not out 3 P. Massey did not bat

Extras 25 Total (for 8 wickets) 113

Ibstock 2nd

L. Bourne b Jelley 2 W. Satchwell b Briers 0 W. Warren b Massey 10 A. Wileman b Massey 0 E. Edwards hit wicket b Jelley 9 J. Atkins b Massey 5 C. Adcock c Twigg b Jelley 0 R. Preston b Massey 0 H. Lane c Middleton b Briers 23 W. Mason c Briers b Massey 8 W. Edward not out 1

Extras 10 Total 68

Whitwick Holy Cross still kept their flag flying and it has to be lowered yet for the first time. It was regarded as a stiff task in being visited by the second team in the chart – Ibstock Town 2nd – but the visitors were found to be easier victims than had been anticipated. Thanks to the excellent score of 33 by Frank Middleton and 25 extras, also a good innings by A. Twigg, B. Stanyard and M. Noon, the home side scored 113 for 8 and boldly

declared, but it proved to be a justifiable policy since Ibstock were got rid of for 68. The bowling was judiciously changed with excellent effect, S. Briers taking two for 6, PC Jelley 3 for 19, and J. Massey 5 for 29. For Ibstock, W. Edwards took 5 for 26.

### **“Coalville Times” Cricket Cup**

#### *Draw for the Second Round*

Hugglescote Albion v Heather. W. Thorneycroft (Markfield) and R. Black (Ibstock) Whitwick Holy Cross v Ibstock Town. J. Martin (Shepshed) and J. Weston (Hugglescote) Shepshed Town v Ibstock Ivanhoe. W. T. Hull (Whitwick) and J. Robinson (Coleorton) Markfield Town v Woodhouse. J. Wragg (Heather) and J. Burton (Coalville)

To be played on the ground of the first named on Saturday, July 4th.

### **Friday July 10th 1914 (Issue 1166)**

#### **Local News**

##### **P.M. Chapel**

Flower services were held in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Whiting. There was a nice display of flowers and the services were of a bright and hearty character, being well attended. Collections were made for the chapel funds.

##### **Five Shilling Club**

The club at the Castle Inn held their annual dinner on Saturday evening last, when about 50 sat down to a capital repast, well served by the Host and Hostess Griffin. On removal of the cloths, the Rev. J. O'Reilly presided. The balance sheet was read by the chairman and showed that there were 50 members and total receipts £37 / 12 / 6. The expenditure amounted to £18 / 3 / 2 and a dividend of 7 / 9 per member was declared. The secretarial

duties of the year has been satisfactorily preformed by Mr G. H. Stanyard and the auditors of the accounts were Messrs E. Rewhorn and R. Poynton. The dividend having been paid out, it was announced that 59 members had enrolled for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed:

President, Mr T. Kenney; Secretary, Mr G. H. Stanyard; Treasurer, Mr P. W. Griffin; and Committee, Messrs J. Thirlby, S. Burton, T. W. Harris, B. O'Mara, J. Lakin, T. Larner, and J. Kelly.

Mr McCarthy and Mr J. J. Sharp wrote regretting their inability to be present and enclosed a donation. The Chairman gave the “King and Queen and Royal Family” which was received with musical honours. “The Army and the Navy” was also well received, after which Mr Kelly proposed “Success to the ‘Castle’ Inn Five Shilling Club.” “The Host and Hostess” was put from the chair, Mr Griffin responding. The musical part of the programme was provided by Mr Warden, Hugglescote, violinist, Mr B. O'Mara, Mr T. Wilson, Mr P. O'Mara, Mr T. Walker, Mr A. Revell, and Mr P. Allen, the latter giving a clever step dance. Mr T. Kenney also gave several step dances. “God save the King” brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

##### **Nurse Thrown Through a Window**

A serious cycling accident happened at Whitwick about half past one on Tuesday afternoon. Nurse Warren, of Cossington, a middle-aged lady, who is employed by the Leicestershire County Council as health visitor, was cycling down Church Lane, when for some reason the bicycle got out of control and dashed with terrific force down the very steep hill towards the Church. The cyclist tried to turn up

Pares Hill but the great pace prevented her from negotiating the corner and the machine in coming into contact with the kerb, the rider was thrown head first through the window of a sweet shop occupied by Miss Leech, formerly a chemist's shop kept by Mr Harold Stinson. The large sheet of plate glass was smashed and the nurse received severe injuries to her head, an artery being severed by which she lost a great quantity of blood. Fortunately, Dr Hamilton, of Coalville, happened to be passing, and promptly rendered assistance, stopping the bleeding and stitching up the wounds.

The injured woman was subsequently moved to the house of Mr H. T. Bastard, schoolmaster, where after resting for an hour or two, she was able to partake of tea, and later, accompanied by Mrs Bastard, proceeded to Coalville for Leicester.

Considering the nature of the accident the nurse had a miraculous escape from more serious injury which might have proved fatal. Blood and hair were left on the broken glass of the window and the scene at the shop indicated the serious nature of the occurrence. The bicycle was badly damaged, the rim of the front wheel being rammed in.

### **Choir Outing**

The Whitwick Parish Church choir recently had a very enjoyable outing to Blackpool. They arrived there at 8.15 am and spent the morning among the amusements on the South Shore. The afternoon was given up to the boys, who indulged in paddling, donkey rides, etc. the co-operative exhibition and various amusements were visited in the evening. The trip returned at 11.10 pm after a very enjoyable day by the briny.

The lack of postal facilities in Coalville and district has lately become very apparent. There have been many complaints about the Whitwick Post Office being closed on Tuesday afternoons, which is causing much public inconvenience. Last Tuesday afternoon the telephone was required in connection with the serious cycling accident which happened at Whitwick, but it was not available through the office being closed. This is only one of several instances that might be quoted and Whitwick people are very dissatisfied. The post mistress and her assistants, are, of course, entitled to a weekly holiday, but surely in a large organisation like the post office this could be easily arranged without the public being inconvenienced by the closing of the office.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

The monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban Council was held on Tuesday, Mr R. Blower, JP, presiding. There were also present, Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G.

Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk, (Mr T. E. Jesson) and the gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

### **Plans**

The following plans were recommended for approval; Picture Theatre, Silver Street, Whitwick, for Mr W. A. Jennings; two houses, Ellistown, for Mr T. Percival; alterations, North Street, Hugglescote, for Mr G. Pickering; piggeries, Ravenstone Lane, Coalville, for Co-Operative Society; and four cottages, Wilkins Lane, Hugglescote, for Co-Operative Society. Mr Parry moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

### **Highways Committee's Report**

The report of the Highways Committee contained the following:

The Surveyor reported that no alteration had taken place in the north high level outfall sewer. The Surveyor reported on the proposed improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and that his estimate of the cost thereof including the purchase of the property was £629 / 18 / 7, and the Committee recommended the same be approved.

Mr C.E. Crane, representing several owners, and Mr W. Lindley, representing the Whitwick Colliery Company, Ltd, attended the meeting to ask the consideration of the Council to laying a sewer in

Meadow Lane, and after hearing their statement thereon, the Committee decided to defer the matter until after the Council had visited the site in the course of their annual works visit, which it was resolved should take place on the 24th inst.

The Surveyor reported on interviews with Mr Rawlins as to the exchange of lands on Hermitage Road for carrying out the improvement there, and the Committee recommended that his offer to purchase be not accepted, but that the surveyor offer to exchange part of the land with Mr Rawlins, and that if Mr Rawlins did not accept that offer, the Council proceed with their application to the Local Government Board for a loan.

The Surveyor read a letter from Mr E. Parramore with reference to a small piece of land required for effecting an improvement in

Talbot Street, Whitwick, and the Committee recommended no further steps to be taken in the matter.

A report was read to the meeting of the failure to properly isolate cases of scarlet fever in Silver Street, Whitwick, and the Committee recommend consideration thereof be deferred pending a report from the Medical Officer thereon.

The engineer for post office telephones wrote asking permission to erect telephone wires in Church Lane, Whitwick, and the Committee recommend same be acceded to, the posts to be placed to the satisfaction of the surveyor.

Mr Hay moving the adoption of the report said they hoped now to soon have the Pare's Hill improvement completed.

Mr Kelly said some stone slabs were taken to Whitwick for paving North Street and had been fetched away again. He considered it a waste of public money. Mr Hale suggested it was exercise for the horse.

Mr McCarthy said the explanation probably was that the slabs were moved because they might get broken by mischievous boys. They had arranged to take a piece of fence in there from Mr Stinson and that would take time. Mr Kelly said the slabs were put out of the way in the yard of the Old Royal George. He considered it a waste of money to take the stuff there and then fetch it away again.

The Chairman said Mr Baldwin was away and would probably have a satisfactory answer when he returned.

### **Medical Officer's Report**

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of June, eight cases of scarletina had been notified – two in School Lane, one at the Dumps, three in Silver Street, one at Abbey Lane, Whitwick and one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote. Three cases of diphtheria had been reported, one in North Street, and one in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and one in Ravenstone Road, Coalville. Two cases of typhoid fever – both in children – had occurred, one in Gutteridge Street, Coalville, and one in Talbot Street, Whitwick. The analysis of the water supply in

Gutteridge Street gave evidence of pollution. The local conditions in Talbot Street were fairly satisfactory. Five cases of tubercular disease were notified, three of the lungs and two of other parts. The death-rate continued favourable, eleven deaths having occurred during the month, giving a death rate of 7.3. These included three from tubercular disease. During the same period 52 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 34 per 1000.

### **Pawnbroker's Licences**

Pawnbroker's licences were renewed to Messrs R. H. Whitford and W. H. Parker of Coalville, and Mr H. Whitford, for Whitwick and Hugglescote, the seal of the Council being affixed.

## **A Whitwick Closing Order**

It was stated that Mr Webster, an aged Whitwick resident, wished to see the Council in reference to having been served with an order to close three houses in Loughborough Road, Whitwick, said to be unfit for human habitation. Mr Hurst said the houses were reported to be in such a state that an order for demolition was the only course and that was served on May 30th.

Mr Kelly asked whether any improvements had since been carried out. Mr Hurst replied in the affirmative and said that might make it risky to proceed with the demolition order though repairs were only temporary and he thought the houses would be as bad again in six months' time. They were not really habitable.

Mr Kelly said one of the tenants had told him that he had been looking for another house for three months and could not get one. Mr Lockwood said one of the houses used to be empty, but now it was occupied and that made it look as though the owner was going in the face of the Council.

Mr Hurst said the houses three months ago structurally called for demolition, but some work had been done since then. But from a sanitary point of view the houses were not fit for habitation now.

Mr Sheffield : We were told that they were structurally dangerous.

The Chairman : Something has been done to partly remedy that.

Mr Webster was then called into the room and asked by the Chairman why he had not closed the houses. Mr Webster : I want to know your reason for wanting them to be closed: He added that he had spent £12 or £14 in repairing them. He was willing to close nine out of sixteen, but he did not want to have to go to the Ashby Union.

The Chairman : We don't want you to go there. We would sooner you had an old age pension. Mr Webster : I am here to know what you want, and if possible, I will carry it out.

Mr McCarthy : And if you find it doesn't pay you will close the houses? Mr Webster : Yes. – He added that he reckoned that he had lost over £1500. Instead of receiving £2 a week he had only 4/- a week during the last 12 months and that was rather hard on an old man.

The Chairman : We can't have people living under conditions which are insanitary. Mr Webster : I am with you in that entirely. The Chairman : I am glad you realise it, and you will do your best when we let some one meet you on the site to show you what is required to be done. Mr Webster said he would and then left the room.

Mr Hay : He is a decent old chap. Mr McCarthy : He is over 80 years of age.

Mr Fellows said it should be made clear in a case of this kind what was the work required to be done. The reading of the section of the Act knocked a man over at once. He would move that the Chairman and surveyor meet Mr Webster on the spot and explain to him.

Mr McCarthy seconded. Mr Griffin said a member of the Housing sub-committee should go too and this was agreed to. Mr Lockwood being included. The Chairman said that in the future it would be well for everything to be pointed out quite clearly before issuing a closing order. Mr Griffin said that was usual.

Mr McCarthy said this case had been on a long time and no doubt the details had gone over and over again.

## **Surveyor's Report**

Mr Hurst gave the Whitwick lodging house returns for the month as 898 against 1152 in May and 761 in June last year.

He recommended the council accept the offer of Mr S. Berrington to rent the Council a tip for £5 at Whitwick, the same as they paid to the late tenant, Mr Sharp, and this was agreed to.

## **Do you Know?**

That a Leicester lady urged the cause of women's suffrage in the Coalville Market Place on Sunday morning?

That the work in connection with the erection of a picture palace in Silver Street, Whitwick, for the Whitwick and Thringstone Picture Palace Company has been commenced this week?

## **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr J. W. West

### **Like a Madman**

William Winfield, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on June 27th. He did not appear. P.S. Betts said he found the defendant in Talbot Street acting like a madman. He smashed a window at the house next door. Fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

### **Drunk in Charge**

Joseph Walker, waggoner, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and carriage on the highway at Ravenstone, on June 22nd. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Sibson said he met the defendant near Ravenstone Church. In that state he was a danger to the public. He was a quiet civil man as a rule and a good workman. Defendant said it was the first time and he had been in the district 21 years. Fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs or seven days.

### **Family Dispute at Whitwick**

Charles Williamson, factory hand, Whitwick, was summoned by Emma Berrington, married of Whitwick, for assault at that place on June 22nd.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the complainant and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said she was the wife of Samuel Berrington, farmer, Whitwick. On the morning in question she went to the house of Mrs Spencer, her aunt, who was aged, and whom she assisted. Defendant was there and also Mr Williams, manager of the London City and Midland Bank at Coalville. Defendant told her to leave and she said she should not. Defendant then forcibly put her out, dragging her into the street. She was badly bruised. Mrs Spencer had not told him to ask her to leave. She got back into the house and went to Mrs Spencer. The police were sent for. Complainant had gone daily for years to look after Mrs Spencer. The defendant married a niece of Mrs Spencer, but he was now a widower.

By Mr Sharp: Her aunt had an account with the London City and Midland Bank which they were discussing. She refused to go out because she thought she had a right there having gone practically every day.

By Mr Moore: Defendant was not satisfied in getting her out of the room, but dragged her out of the house.

William Thomas Williams, manager of the London City and Midland Bank, Coalville, deposed to complying with a request to visit Mrs Spencer's house. He was there when the complainant came and he saw the defendant push her out. Mrs Spencer had not asked Mrs Berrington to leave. She (Mrs Spencer) was 90 years of age.

Annie Broadhurst, widow, Whitwick, said she saw the defendant eject complainant from the house. Her hair was all down and there was blood on her forehead. The defendant practically "chucked" her out. The defendant said it was at Mrs Spencer's request that he saw Mr Williams, the bank manager, as she was aged and infirm and wanted to know how her affairs stood at the

bank. They were discussing the business when Mrs Berrington came in. He asked her to leave and she refused. He then pushed her out. That was all that took place.

By Mr Moore: He could not say that he had a right to put Mrs Berrington out. He had not told Mrs Spencer that Mrs Berrington had spent all her money. Mr Williams said some money had been withdrawn but there was a bit left. He (defendant) had not tried to get Mrs Spencer to sign a paper transferring the money to him. He could not say whether the amount was £500.

By the Bench: He acted on his own initiative in turning the complainant out of the house. Mrs Spencer had not asked him to do so.

Mr Sharp submitted that there was no assault. It was a trivial family matter and never ought to have been brought to court. The Bench dismissed the case and the complainant had to pay 9/- costs.

## **Sport**

### **Cricket**

#### *Whitwick Holy Cross v Ibstock Town*

At Whitwick, the defeat of Ibstock being the surprise of the day. P.C. Jelley took 3 wickets for 7 runs, S. Briers 3 for 15, J. Massey, 2 for 2 and D. Egan 1 for none. J. Palmer bowled well for Ibstock, taking 6 for 31, but himself was bowled first ball and the rest of the team collapsed.

#### *Whitwick Holy Cross*

S. Briers b Palmer 0 B. Stanyard b Palmer 14 P. C. Jelley b Foster 17 F. Middleton b Foster 1 D. Egan c and b Palmer 4 F. E. Needham b Palmer 0 M. Noon b Palmer 6 J. Massey c Palmer b Foster 7 A. Twigg not out 9

J. Newell b Foster 2 L. Kane b Palmer 1

Extras 9 Total 70

#### *Ibstock Town*

F. W. Stevens run out 10 J. Palmer b Briers 0 C. Foster b Jelley 1 W. Warren c Twigg b Jelley 0 G. Harold c Briers b Jelley 0 J. Satchwell b Briers 3 C. Springett c Egan b Massey 6 J. Jacques b Massey 0 Dr. Agnew b Egan 1 B. Foster b Briers 0 R. Cartwright not out 4

Extras 1 Total 26

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Burials**

Johnson – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Mrs Johnson, aged 21 years, of the City of Three Waters.

### **Friday July 17th 1914 (Issue 1167)**

This issue does not exist on microfiche copies at Coalville Library or Leicester Records Office.

### **Friday July 24th 1914 (Issue 1168)**

## **Local News**

### **Wesleyan Men's Effort**

On Saturday an effort was made by the men connected with the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel. A public fruit tea was held and well attended. In the evening, Mr T. Jones, of Mansfield, gave a lecture, his subject being, "A good woman." Mr W. C. Wright, of Coalville, presided. Mr Jones preached at the services on Sunday, and good collections were realised for the trust funds.

### **Parish Church**

The preacher at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday was the Right Rev. Bishop Clayton, and there were large congregations. There was special singing by the choir, Mr R. G. West being the organist.

The collections were for the Church's new scheme of finance, and realised £15/1/2. Whitwick's contribution under the new scheme will be £21 a year.

### **Trap Accident at Whitwick**

#### **Thringstone Lady Injured**

Owing to a horse taking fright, caused by the breaking of a breach-strap, a trap accident occurred in Green Lane, Whitwick, on Saturday. Mr C. Henson, butcher, Thringstone, was driving with Mrs Henson, and both were thrown out of the trap. Mr Henson was unhurt, but Mrs Henson received injuries to her hand, in consequence of which her wedding ring had to be filed off. She was also much shaken.

The trap collided with an iron lamp column which was broken, and the vehicle was also much damaged. The horse escaped injury.

### **Shocking Fatality at Whitwick**

#### **Little Girl Killed by Motor Lorry**

##### *Inquest*

Another sad street fatality – the second within a week at Whitwick – occurred in North Street, on Tuesday night, a little girl named Dorothy Mann, daughter of Mr Harry Mann, photographer, being instantly killed near her home by a brewer's motor lorry, when she was running across the road. Mr Mann is a well-known and highly-respected resident of Whitwick, and great sympathy is

felt for him and other members of the family in their great bereavement.

The inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane, at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, on Wednesday night, Mr S. Perry being foreman of the jury.

Mr Fisher Jesson, of Ashby, appeared for Messrs. Shipstone, brewers, of Nottingham, the owners of the lorry, and for the driver. Police-Inspector Dobney was also present. The Coroner, opening the inquiry, said the first thing he desired to say was that he very much regretted having to call a jury together after so short an interval, to enquire into another fatality at Whitwick. He then briefly outlined how the accident happened and said that having heard the evidence of the witnesses who would be called, the jury would have to decide whether the child's death was caused by the negligence of the motor driver. They had to enquire whether any blame was attached to anyone, and if so, the extent of the blame.

Harry Mann, photographer, said he carried on business in North Street, Whitwick. The deceased was his daughter, who was three years and four months old, and the last time he saw her alive was a few minutes before the accident, when she stood against the table in the house. He did not see her go out.

Wm. Brooks, bricklayer's labourer, of Silver Street, Whitwick, stated that about 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, he was in North Street, and saw a motor wagon coming from the direction of the railway station and going towards Thringstone. He knew it was Shipstone's wagon. His attention was attracted by hearing the horn blow. The wagon was then about 50 yards from Mr Mann's house, near to which witness stood.

The Coroner: What pace was it coming? Witness: About the ordinary trotting pace of a horse. Were there a lot of children about? – No. Did the horn blow more than once? – Yes, it kept blowing up to the time of the accident.

Proceeding, witness said children were playing inside the Liberal Club gates. The deceased ran into the road and tried to run back, but she could not reach the causeway again. The driver made an attempt to avoid the child, but she was caught, he believed, by one of the lamp brackets.

The Coroner: How soon did the lorry pull up? – In about 12 or 15 yards. You picked the child up? – Yes. And she was dead? – Yes. As far as you saw, do you think the driver could have avoided the accident? – No, not unless he came to a sudden stop. Stopped dead? – Yes. Do you think he had time to stop dead? – I don't think he had. I understand you to say the child started across the road, then turned back, and made a dash? – Yes.

Mr Jesson: You saw the lorry fifty yards away? – Yes. And you heard the horn and shouting up to the time of the accident? – Yes. How far would the lorry be from the child when she started to run across the road? – About seven yards, I should say. Did he put the brakes on and stop the engine? – I don't know. Did he do all he could to avoid the accident? – Yes, as far as I could see.

By Inspector Dobney: The car was in the middle of the road at first and then went to the left side. The child was on the off side. The Coroner: You were the nearest person when the accident happened? – Yes. Mr Briers (a juror): Did the witness say the car could not be stopped within 15 yds after striking the child. The Coroner: That is what he says. Mr Jesson: He says the car went 12 or 15 yards. Mr Briers said fifteen yards seemed a lot.

Elizabeth Bakewell, wife of Leonard Bakewell, collier, Whitwick, said she was standing at her door next to Mr Mann's about 6.30 on Tuesday night, when her attention was called to a motor lorry coming from the direction of Whitwick Market Place. It was going slowly. She heard the motor horn sounded once. The child was then on the other side near the Liberal Club and she started to run across the road. Witness was quite close when the accident happened. The Coroner: Do you think the driver was taking proper care? – Yes, I do.

Do you think he could have avoided the accident? – I don't. He could if he had stopped, couldn't he? – He could not stop. Did you see the motor lorry swerve? – Yes. And that was to get out of the way of the child? – Yes.

Mr Jesson: It was a pure accident? – Yes. Nobody was to blame? – No. How far did the car go beyond the child? – About 25 yards.

Mary Ellen Bishop, wife of Arthur Thos. Bishop, collier, North Street, Whitwick, stated that about 6.30 she was standing on her mother's doorstep about 40 yards from the scene of the accident. She saw the motor lorry coming, and heard the man shout and sound his hooter. She saw the child run from home across to the Liberal Club about three minutes before the accident. She ran back again straight in front of the motor. She ran into the road, then turned back, but was not in time. The motor was only about three yards away when the child started to run across the road.

The Coroner: Do you think the driver could with reasonable care, have avoided the child? – No, I don't see how he could. Had he time to pull up? – No.

By Mr Jesson: The child was playing on the other side of the road with Mrs Waterfield's girl. The lorry was almost on the top of the child and it was impossible to avoid the accident. By the Foreman: Waterfield's girl was about 12 years old, as near as she could say. By Inspector Dobney: There were no other vehicles in the road at the time.

Police-Sergeant Betts, of Whitwick, stated that he heard of the accident at 6.40 p.m. He examined the lorry which was loaded with empty barrels and mineral water bottles. It bore the name of Shipstone's brewers, Nottingham, and the number was AC1001. The lorry, he was told, had not been moved. It was about twenty-five yards from the scene of the accident. The road was 19 ft wide, and the car from wheel to wheel 4 ft 1 in. The Coroner: You spoke to the driver? – Yes. Was he under the influence of drink? – No, he seemed dazed; he was very much put about. Dazed from fright and shock? – Yes.

There was no suggestion that he had taken too much to drink? – No.

Mr Jesson: You think it was an accident? – I do. Answering another question, the Sergeant said the weight of the lorry was about two tons, and there was about a ton weight on it. Inspector Dobney: You had every opportunity on noticing whether the man was under the influence of drink? – Yes. You were with him from 6.40 till 9 o'clock? – Yes. And there was nothing to suggest he was drunk? – No.

Mr S. W. West (a juror): Have you any idea of the distance a car like that could be pulled up in? – I have not. It was three tons altogether and I think he did very well. By Inspector Dobney: The car was only geared up to 13 miles an hour, top speed.

Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, said he saw the child and found an extended fracture of the skull. Death would be practically instantaneous. He examined the lorry carefully, and could find no blood or hair on the wheel, but from the position of the mark of the wheel on the road, and the position of the blood on the road, he concluded that it was the driving chain which carried the skull away. Mr Jesson: Did you have a word with the driver? – Yes. He seemed dazed. There is no suggestion of him being under the influence of drink? – No, I don't think so.

Wm. Edwin Shaw, 36 Silverdale Road, New Basford, Nottingham, said he was a motor lorry driver, and on Tuesday was driving a motor lorry through Whitwick. About 6.30 he was passing through North Street. He started about 2.30 from Nottingham. Beeston was his first call, and then he went on to Long Eaton, then to the "Duke of Newcastle" at Whitwick. He had nothing to drink at Beeston or Long Eaton. He and his man had a drink of beer at the "Duke of Newcastle" Inn. Then he went to the Victoria Inn, Hermitage Road, where he had a pint of beer. That was all he had to drink that day – a pint and a half of beer. As he was returning through Whitwick, the child seemed to run straight across the road in front of the motor. He shut his engine off and put on the hand and foot brakes hard, at the same time swerving to the side of the road. He thought the radiator caught the child.

He pulled up in about the length of the lorry. The Coroner: It has been measured and it is 25 yards. Do you still say you made every effort to pull up? – Yes. How long have you been driving this wagon? – About six weeks. What is your experience as a motor driver? – About five years. In a position of difficulty like this, does it always take 25 yards to pull up. Have you ever had to pull up like that before? – No. A lot can happen in 25 yards? – Yes. But you tried to stop at once? – Yes. Mr Jesson: You have driven cars for five years, and this is your first accident? – Yes. Where the accident happened there is a gradient in the road? – Yes. And the car would be two tons in weight besides about a ton load? – Yes. And it would carry a little after you had jammed on the brakes? – Yes. Inspector Dobney: You have had five years experience as a motor driver? – Yes. Previously you have driven for the Huddersfield Car Co. and the Mansfield Garage Co.? – Yes.

The Foreman said he would like the point cleared up as to the distance the car went after the accident. The Sergeant said the distance was 25 yards, but the witness said he pulled up within the length of his trolley. Witness said that was his impression. He jammed the brakes on hard. Mr S. West (a juror): And you think 25 yards was as short a distance in which you could pull up? – I pulled up as quickly as I could. By a juror: When the child ran across the road the motor was about six yards off.

Wm. Metheringham, of Radford Road, New Basford, Nottingham, in the employ of Messrs Shipstone, brewers, Nottingham, corroborated as to the calling places that day, and the amount of beer they had to drink. At the time of the accident, the lorry was going about seven miles an hour. The child ran straight in front. Witness had been travelling with the lorry nine or ten months. He was satisfied that nothing could have been done to avoid the accident.

The Coroner: Could not he have stopped? – No. Mr Jesson: You have been out with him before? – Yes. And he is a careful driver? – Yes. He had not had too much to drink? – No, I have never seen him the worse for drink. The accident, in your opinion, was quite unavoidable? – Yes.

The Coroner said it had, unfortunately, been his lot to hold several inquests on people knocked down by motors in this county, but never known one in which there was greater unanimity in the evidence that it was an unavoidable accident, and most of the witnesses were people who would not be favourable to motor cars. At the same time, he pointed out the distance the car went, and in the interests of the public, and the men driving the car, a car like that should be attended to so as to be able to be pulled up in a less distance than 30 yards (hear, hear). He thought the jury would agree that the evidence showed the men in charge of the lorry were in no way to blame.

The jury agreed that it was a pure accident and that the driver of the lorry was in no way to blame. On behalf of Messrs Shipstone, the owners of the lorry, Mr F. Jesson said he desired to express regret at

the accident and sympathy with the relatives, and the suggestion of the Coroner in regard to the brakes of the lorry would be attended to.

The Coroner remarked that he thought it would be a good thing if teachers in elementary schools would impress on the children the danger of suddenly running across a road without looking, also of throwing their caps under motors and standing in the road until the cars were almost on them. Things like that caused a lot of trouble and anxiety to drivers, and were often the cause of considerable expense. One often had to pull up very suddenly in order to avoid children who in their foolhardiness, daily and hourly endangered their lives. He did not know that that applied particularly to Whitwick, except that there were a lot of children there. Anyone driving through Whitwick had to drive with the greatest possible care because of these dangers, and teachers should warn the children against doing these things. (Hear, hear).

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West

#### **Bad Language**

John Robinson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on June 7th. P.C. Henson proved the case in the absence of the defendant who was fined 10/6 and costs 12/6 or fourteen days.

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 11th. He did not appear. Sergt. Betts gave the facts and the defendant was fined 7/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

#### **Violent Conduct**

Patrick Costelow, the elder, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on July 4th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones said he found the defendant in the Dumps with his coat off. He had been fighting and his face was bleeding. Fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

John Baker and Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on July 4th. Sergt. Betts said he had a complaint and found the defendants fighting in Leicester Road with a crowd round. Both had had drink. Fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs each or seven days.

#### **Drunk**

John Costelow, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 3rd. He did not appear. Sergt. Betts proved the case and defendant was fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on July 4th. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant got off the late train from Loughborough. He was very drunk and used bad language. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

#### **Scene at Whitwick**

##### *Police Sergeant's struggle with Rag and Bone Man*

At the Coalville Police Court Monday morning, before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West, a Whitwick rag and bone gatherer named John Baker, was brought up in custody charged with being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on Friday.

Sergt. Betts said that in consequence of a complaint, he went to Silver Street about 4.15 p.m. and found the defendant very drunk with about 50 children round him. He was using filthy language to Mr Briers and threatened to smash the window with a brick. Witness got him into Briers marine store yard and the defendant then said he would give him some trouble. He kicked at witness and in a struggle, tried to trip him several times. They closed and fell to the ground together. With considerable difficulty witness got a horse and trap and brought him to Coalville. He did not loose his hold on the defendant

in the cart and Baker was very violent and swearing all the way. Witness had never seen the man so bad before. He was like a madman.

Defendant asked leniency saying he had been in India where he had sunstroke and it affected him sometimes. The Chairman : He didn't actually kick you? Sergt. Betts : No, I dodged him, or I should have had it.

The Clerk remarked that only on Friday last, the same day as the offence, the defendant was convicted of violent conduct on a summons at the Coalville Police Court, when he did not appear. The defendant was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

## **Sport**

### **Skittles**

Loughborough Division Liberal Clubs Skittle League

Last Weeks Matches

Results in brief:

Shepshed 228, Barrow 209: Hathern 225, Whitwick 214: Sileby 218, Loughborough 217.

Saturday was a bad day for the three leading clubs in the league, each of them losing their respective matches. Barrow were the greatest losers by 20 pins to Shepshed. Whitwick by very weak play in the third section lost a chance of strengthening their hold on the championship this year. The league is in a very interesting position for the three clubs. Whitwick, who have only two more matches to play are going very strong. These two matches are at home, with the two clubs who are running them a neck and neck race for the championship, viz : Loughborough and Barrow, so things promise to be exciting towards the finish. Loughborough had very hard lines to get beaten at Sileby by only one pin. After half way was past when Sileby was leading by ten pins the game became very exciting and it looked any odds on Loughborough winning, but this they failed to do however, and lost a chance thereby of making themselves safe for the championship.

The following is the chart up to date:

P W L For Agst Pts

Whitwick 10 7 3 2210 2124 14 Loughborough 7 5 2 1583 1555 10 Barrow 6 4 2 1362 1344 8  
Shepshed 9 4 5 1966 1973 8 Sileby 8 3 5 1759 1800 6 Hathern 5 2 3 1106 1114 4 Coalville 5 0 5  
1000 1076 0

Whitwick Liberal Club v Hathern Liberal Club

At Whitwick, on Saturday, the visitors winning.

*Whitwick*

T. Kelly 8 6 9 F. Sear 9 9 7 H. Stretton 3 7 5 W. Burton 7 8 7 C. Meakin 7 7 6 S. Boot 8 5 5 S. Billings  
3 5 5 A. Cooper 5 3 5 B. Hurst 1 6 6

J. Frearson 2 5 7 G. Jessop 7 4 5 G. Woodhouse 7 7 8

Total 214

*Hathern*

W. Mitchell 8 5 7 J. Moody 5 6 7 M. Watts 6 4 6 H. Kellam 6 6 8 H. Monk 6 8 5 F. Barker 8 5 6 H.  
Spence 5 7 7 J. Price 6 5 7 H. Bowley 7 8 2 H. Gamble 4 7 6 A. Moody 7 3 9 J. Spencer 8 7 6

Total 223

## **Cricket**

### *“Coalville Times” Cup*

Arrangements for the Semi-Finals and Final

Whitwick Holy Cross v Markfield Town, at Coalville, on Saturday, August 1st, commencing at 2.30 prompt. Umpires, Messrs. J. Baxter (Coalville) and J. Weston (Donington). Shepshed Town v Hugglescote Albion, at Coalville, on Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd, commencing at 11 a.m. Umpires, Messrs. W. Bradford (Coalville) and R. Black (Ibstock).

Both matches to be played on the Fox and Goose ground. It was also decided to play the final on the Coalville Town ground on Saturday, August 15th, commencing at 2.15. Umpires, Messrs. J. Burton (Coalville) and J. Robinson (Coleorton).

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Funeral of Former Whitwick Bandmaster**

#### **The Late Mr A. B. Needham**

The funeral took place at Whitwick on Saturday afternoon of Mr Arthur Bernard Needham, of Hermitage Road, who died on Wednesday morning after being injured in a cycling accident the previous night.

The deceased was 68 years of age, was a banksman at the Whitwick Colliery, and resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Colver, Hermitage Road. Formerly, Mr Needham kept the Whitwick Post Office, when it was located about two doors away from the present office, relinquishing this post from about 25 years ago, and he was also master of the old Whitwick Holy Cross Band. That was when Father V Parwell was priest at Whitwick. The deceased was a musician of some merit and had rendered assistance to the newly formed Holy Cross Band.

The members of the band attended as a last mark of respect for the deceased and walked at the head of the funeral procession playing the Dead March.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr John Needham and Mrs Bernard Needham (sons), Mrs Meakin and Mrs Colver (daughters). Mr Frank Needham (brother), Mr George Colver and Mr Fred Meakin (sons-in-law), Mrs Perkins of Swannington, Mrs Ridout of Tunstall, Staffs; Mrs Clarke and Mrs James Needham (sisters-in-law) and Mrs Baugh (niece). The Rev. Father O'Reilly conducted the service in the Holy Cross Church and at the graveside in the cemetery. Six nephews of the deceased acted as bearers, these being Messrs. Anthony Needham, Frank Needham, John Clarke, Alfred Revill, Bernard Revill and William Baugh.

There were wreaths from the widow and children, Mr and Mrs Perkins, Mrs Ridout and Mrs Clarke, Mr and Mrs James Needham, Mr and Mrs Anthony Needham, and others bearing no cards, also an artificial wreath and globe from the members of the Whitwick Holy Cross Band,

## **Burials**

Needham – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Arthur Bernard Needham, aged 68 years, of Hermitage Road.

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## **Local News**

The secretary of the Whitwick Nursing Association (Miss Harding) acknowledges with grateful thanks, the receipt of £10 from the Coalville Urban District Charity Parade Committee, and £2 from the Coalville and District Horticultural Society.

### **Whitwick County Councillor**

At a meeting of the Leicester County Council on Wednesday, the member for the Whitwick Division, Mr M. McCarthy moved that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be empowered to appoint a locum

tenens in the absence of Dr. Robinson. Alderman Dalglish: You cannot; you have not given notice. Mr McCarthy: Then what is the use of general business? (Laughter).

### **School Treat**

Yesterday the Whitwick Church school children had their annual treat. Tea was partaken of in the school, and the scholars then marched to Mrs Crane's field, headed by the Holy Cross Band, the evening being spent in games, etc.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

Mr R. Blower, J.P., C.C., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), and assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst).

### **Highways Committee's Report**

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the surveyor reported that Mr Rawlins could not see his way to agree an exchange of land with the Council on the Hermitage Road. The surveyor produced the plan of the proposed improvement near the gasworks, and that the estimated cost of carrying out the work would be £78 / 12 / 6, and the committee recommend the work

be carried out, and the Finance Committee asked to arrange for the amount required.

The surveyor reported on the proposed improvement in North Street, Whitwick, and the committee recommend that fronting Mr Stinson's land at an estimated cost of £80 be proceeded with.

### **Infectious Disease**

Dr. J. W. Jamie (medical officer) reported that during the last four weeks, 13 cases of scarletina had been notified, three in Silver Street, one in Green Lane, Whitwick, one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote, five in Whitehill Road, one in Midland Road, Ellistown, one in London Road and one in Cambridge Street, Coalville. Five cases of diphtheria had been reported – two in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and three in Waterworks Road, Coalville. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Four of the scarletina cases occurred in one house. Thus far no fatality had occurred from infectious disease. No further cases of tuberculosis had been notified. The usual statistical returns for the complete month were not yet available.

### **Do you Know?**

That during the past quarter there was an increase in the membership of the Midland Miners' Fatal Accident Relief Society of 80 at Snibston Colliery, 25 at South Leicestershire Colliery, and 20 at Whitwick Colliery?

That the Semi-finals for the "Coalville Times" Cricket Cup – Whitwick Holy Cross v Markfield Town and Hugglescote Albion v Shepshed Town – are to be played on the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, respectively to-morrow afternoon and Monday morning?

### **Coalville Police Court**

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr B. G. Hale.

#### *Whitwick Colliers Fined*

Andrew Clarke and John Smith, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for wilful

damage to a stone wall to the amount of 5/- at Whitwick, on July 26, and also for day poaching. Defendants did not appear, but P.S. Betts said Smith had been to see him and asked him to plead guilty as he did not wish to lose a days work.

Albert Ed. Pratt, son of Trevor Pratt, stated that between 4 and 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, he was on the Monastery Road, and saw defendants, with dogs, beating a fence. He saw them partly pull a wall down to get a rabbit out. The wall belonged to Mr De Lisle and the damage done amounted to 5/-

Each defendant was fined 10/6 and costs 10/3 in each case, and to pay the damage, or fourteen days.

#### *Woman Sent to Prison*

Mary Ann O'Kelly, married woman, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a rain-proof coat, value £3/3/-, at Whitwick, on July 27th.

She pleaded guilty. P.S. Betts stated that about 1 p.m. on the date named, he received information of the offence, and after making enquiries, he saw the prisoner near the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville. She was wearing the coat (produced). He told her that it answered the description of a coat which had been stolen from the National School passage at Whitwick, and that it belonged to Miss Harding, schoolmistress. Prisoner replied that she had never been to Whitwick in her life. She had bought the coat, she said, and it was hers. He told her that he should arrest her on suspicion, and he took her to the police station, and also took possession of the coat, which he showed to Miss Harding, who identified it as her property.

Defendant said she had had a drop of drink or it would not have occurred. She was sorry and she would sign the pledge. Supt. Lockton said that when the prisoner was sober the next day he asked her whether she had been in trouble before, and she said she had not. He had her finger prints taken and sent them to Scotland Yard, and he would show them the result. The Superintendent then produced a book showing previous convictions.

The Chairman told the woman she had been convicted a great many times, three times last year, and the Bench had decided that she must go to prison for three months.

#### *Swannington Girl Leniently Dealt With*

Lily Haywood, single woman, Swannington, was charged with stealing a pair of men's shoes, value 5/-, at Swannington, on July 14. She pleaded guilty. P.S. Betts said that having received information of the offence, he made enquires and found that a pair of shoes answering the description of the stolen pair had been pawned at Whitwick. He took possession of them and showed them Eliza Freeman, and she identified them as the pair missing from her house. The shoes were her son's. Witness saw defendant who lived next door to Mrs Freeman, and she admitted taking the shoes. She said she had pawned them for 3/9 and bought a pair for herself from Mr West for 2/11. He saw Mr West who said he had sold defendant a pair of shoes for 1/-.

Defendant said she took the shoes for spite against Mrs Freeman, who, she alleged, had a spade and brush belonging to her parents. Supt. Lockton said the pawnbroker had brought him a watch chain which the girl had also pawned and she told witness it belonged to her uncle. Be he would say no more about that, as it was her first offence.

The Chairman said that as it was the defendant's first offence the Bench did not wish to record a conviction, but she must behave herself in future. She was bound over in the sum of £5 to be of good behaviour for six months. The costs £1/5/6, were remitted.

## **Sport**

### **Cricket**

Whitwick Holy Cross still kept their flag flying and have yet to sustain their first defeat in the 2nd division. They were at Coleorton on Saturday, and after dismissing the home team for 40, scored 45 for the loss of five wickets. P.C. Jelley distinguished himself both with bat and ball, being top scorer with 15, while he took four wickets for 15 runs. J. Massey, however, went one better than this, having four wickets for five runs.

### *Whitwick Holy Cross v Coleorton 2nd*

At Coleorton, on Saturday, Whitwick won. Scores:

Whitwick Holy Cross

B. Stanyard c Ward b Saddington 6 T. Briers b Charville 11 J. Massey c Ward b Charville 4 A. Twigg c Holt b Charville 9 P.C. Jelley not out 15 E. Needham b Charville 0 M. Noon not out 0

Total (for 5 wickets) 45

L. Kane, W. Stanyard, J. Newell, and H. Beeson did not bat

Coleorton 2nd

W. Saddington b Briers 0 H. Rowell c Stanyard b Jelley 0 J. Charville c Kane b Jelley 4 W. Bird b Briers 12 M. Bird c Twigg b Jelley 16 A. Holt c Kane b Massey 1 J. Richards b Jelley 0 R. Stewart st Sewell b Massey 3 T. Saddington c Jelley b Massey 0 J. Yates b Massey 0 R. Ward not out 0

Extras 4 Total 40

### **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

#### **Funeral**

The funeral of Dorothy Mann, the little girl who met with a fatal accident, took place at the Whitwick Cemetery on Thursday in last week, amid many manifestations of sorrow for the bereaved parents. The first part of the service was held in the Baptist Chapel, and was conducted by the Rev. H. C. J. Wix. Besides the

parents and relatives there were also present, Mr T. W. Bourne, representing the Whitwick Baptist Church; Mr O'Geary, representing the Sunday School; and the deceased's Sunday School teacher, Miss Maud Wheeldon. The coffin bore the inscription: "Dorothy Mann, died July 21st, 1914, aged three years and four months. Our darling Dolly with Jesus."

There were several beautiful floral tributes, sent by the parents, the Baptist Sunday School, Mrs Griffin, Mr and Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bishop, Mrs and Ivy Sears, Mrs Smith, Mrs Winters, Misses Ashurst, Clarke and Stacey, and also little friends of deceased – Doris and Tom Sears, Maud Garratt, Alice Moore, Doris Waterfield and Gwendoline Geary.

In loving and affectionate memory of Dorothy, the beloved daughter of Harry and Sarah Elizabeth Mann, who died July 21st, 1914. Aged 3 years, and 4 months. "Thy will be done." We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the numerous friends for their kind sympathy in the sad loss of our darling girl. Yours sincerely, H. and S. E. Mann.

#### **NOTES**

It is considered that one of causes for the First World War was the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria.

This news was printed in the 3rd July edition of the Coalville Times on page 3, obviously with no knowledge of the events that would unfold in the following weeks. The article is as follows:

#### **Austrian Royalties Assassinated**

#### **HEIR TO THRONE AND CONSORT FATALLY SHOT AFTER ESCAPING BOMB**

By the hand of the assassin the deplorable sequence of tragedies that marks the modern history of the Austrian Royal Family has been still further augmented. On Sunday at Sarajevo, Bosnia, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor and heir to the throne, and his Consort, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated.

They were driving through the streets during the morning to a civic function, when a young compositor hurled a bomb at the Royal car. One account says the Archduke warded it off with his arm, while another states that the aim was not true. There was an explosion however, resulting in several persons being injured but the Archduke and his wife escaped and the perpetrator, after jumping into the river, was arrested.

It was on the return from the civic function that the assassination took place. A young student of Servian nationality suddenly rushed forward and fired two shots and each took effect, for within a few moments both the Archduke and his Consort were dead. The assassin was speedily captured, and narrowly escaped a lynching at the hands of the infuriated crowd.

The tragedy will occasion no more profound impression than in England. Only last November the Archduke and his wife visited the King and Queen at Windsor, and subsequently were the guests for several days of the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey.